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Funding falls short for AAO trip

By KIM HANSEN

Three members of the African American Organization (AAO) were unable to attend a conference in Atlanta last weekend.

The student senate resolution allowing the American Multicultural Students (AMS) agency to fund AAO's trip was approved at the senate's March 21 meeting.

The resolution, however, was not signed by President/Regent Chuck Valgora in time for AAO to purchase reduced-price airline tickets for all six students, said Student Senate Speaker Ron Hyde.

All senate resolutions must be signed within seven days or are considered vetoed. Valgora signed within the allotted time.

The reduced ticket price would have allowed six students to travel for \$190 round trip per person.

Only three students attended the conference because it cost \$403 round trip per member, said Cheryl Carter, executive treasurer of student senate.

"They (all six students) were counting on going," Carter said.

Six students were scheduled to attend the conference "Black Students on Predominately White Campuses," held in Atlanta last weekend.

"I don't think anybody's at fault," Hyde said. He said the resolution was signed April 1, but didn't meet the airline's requirements for the reduced fare.

"They all knew the time restraints," said AAO member Bobby Loud, who was supposed to attend the conference, but did not.

"There was going to be a lot of information presented, and it would have been nice for six students to have gone."

"University business shouldn't stop because of one person," Loud said.

Valgora did not sign the resolution before he left on spring break, Hyde said.

Valgora could not be reached for comment.

"I think they were all very upset," said Allison Brown-Corson, chief administrative officer of student senate.

The resolution was changed March 22, the Friday before break, to include the adjusted dollar amount. It also stated members of AAO must report to student senate what was learned at the conference, Brown-Corson said. The resolution was ready to be signed by noon.

"I'm glad at least somebody went," she said.

Karen Welch, director of American Multicultural Students, Ernest Gause, social chair for AAO and David Johnson, education chair for AAO attended the conference.

Survey asks how does UNO drink?

By RITA VILLELLA

Everyone knows, or should know, that consuming alcohol can impair the decision-making process.

However, according to Laura Jones, alcohol consumption is also related to poor academic performance.

Since April is national Alcohol Awareness Month, Jones, the coordinator of Let's Intervene For Tomorrow-University Project (LIFT-UP), is administering a survey on the UNO campus to measure drinking habits of university students.

The survey, called the Core Instrument, is given in schools throughout Nebraska. The survey will compare drinking habits of UNO students with those of other Nebraska college students.

LIFT-UP is funded by a national grant and sponsors drug-education programs at UNO.

Jones will be speaking in UNO classes throughout April. Her presentations will focus on alcohol use and how it impairs decision-making.

"Sexual problems, such as sexually transmitted diseases, can result because of an improper decision made while drinking," Jones said. "I try to emphasize decisions have to be made before you start drinking."

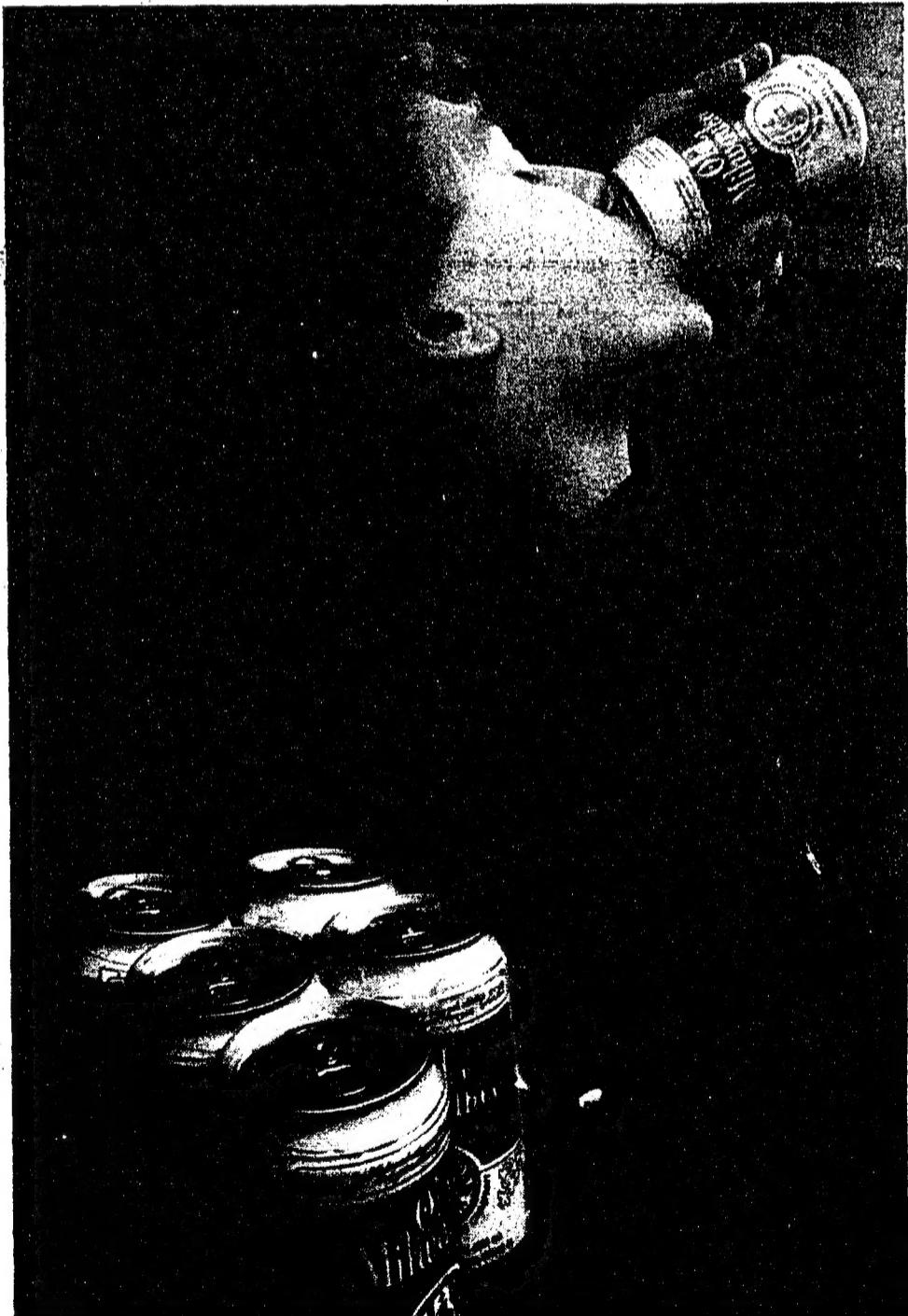
Good academic performance may also be hindered by alcohol intake, thus resulting in poor test-taking, missed classes and general poor performance, she said.

Jones also informs students of drunk-driving hazards, another way drinking can affect a person's judgment. "Fifty percent of all college students admit to driving drunk."

Ruth Hanon, a registered nurse and supervisor of Student Health Services, said she is trying to incorporate the Risk Reduction Model, a new approach to alcohol awareness, into UNO classrooms.

The Risk Reduction Model, developed by the Prevention Research Institute in Lexington, Ky., is a four-question test which measures a person's biological risk for developing alcoholism.

"The emphasis is on how big your risk (for



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One of many college students who enjoy an occasional indulgence of alcohol. "I try to emphasize decisions have to be made before you start drinking," said Laura Jones, coordinator of UNO's Let's Intervene For Tomorrow-University Project.

becoming an alcoholic)," Hanon said.

"The Risk Reduction Model does modify behavior better than informing because young people can make decisions based on their own biological risk," she said.

The Core Instrument survey will be administered outside the Maverick Room in the Stu-

dent Center on the following dates: Today, 1-4 p.m.; Thursday, 1-4 p.m.; April 16, 11:30-1 p.m.; April 18, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

According to Jones, the survey takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete and 800 responses are required in order to make the survey valid at UNO.

National Briefs

University of Virginia fraternities shut down in federal drug bust

(CPS) — In an apparently unprecedented college raid, federal drug police raided three University of Virginia fraternities March 22, arresting 12 members and taking control of the houses themselves.

Members not involved in the investigation can move back into the Phi Epsilon Pi, Delta Upsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon houses, but not before signing new "rental agreements" with the federal government.

The 12 students were arrested on charges of selling hallucinogenic designer drugs — LSD and mushrooms.

Because taking possession of private social clubs like fraternities is so unusual, Drug Enforcement Agency officials said they got prior approval for the raid from U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh.

Alexander approves minority scholarships, but students file suit

(CPS) — Amid congressional hearings and a student lawsuit that claimed schools discriminate against white people, the U.S. Department of Education came full circle in its view of minority scholarships March 20.

Now it is OK again for campuses to have special scholarships set aside for minority students.

In one of his first acts as U.S. Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander advised schools

to ignore all changes made in the department's policy on race-exclusive scholarships before he took office on March 18.

But just a day after Alexander approved race-based scholarships, a group of students filed suit to force public campuses to stop offering them.

The controversy has been brewing since December, when a department official sent a memo noting that "minority-only" scholarships in effect discriminated against white people and could cost schools their federal funding.

Since then the Education Department — which oversees most federal college programs — has issued a series of clarifications.

The clarifications, however, have confused the issue of what the department considers discriminatory, many campus aid officials say.

At a March 20 press conference in Washington, D.C., Alexander promised to end the confusion, adding a committee to review the policy over the next six months.

"Colleges and universities should keep doing whatever they're doing," Alexander said. "Work with us to develop a policy. Then we'll have a policy, and we'll work with them to help them make any adjustments at that time."

Yet six months is too long for seven white students who sued the department March 21 to try to force it to bar tax-supported colleges from awarding minority scholarships.

The six students are from the universities of California at Los Angeles, Iowa, Virginia, Texas and Southern California and Mercy and Macalester colleges.

Their lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court by the conservative Washington Legal Foundation on the students' behalf, said minority scholarships violate the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars awarding financial aid "based solely on the race of the recipient."

"I think this administration would like this issue to go away," the students' attorney, Richard Samp, told the Associated Press.

The students are upset that Alexander reversed the decision announced by Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights Michael L. Williams on Dec. 4, 1990.

In a letter to Fiesta Bowl officials in Arizona, Williams warned that the "minority-only" scholarships offered by the two schools participating in the Fiesta Bowl violated the Civil Rights Act.

He said schools that awarded race-based scholarships could lose their federal funding.

A political outcry followed, as campus officials and civil rights groups worried the policy would hamper efforts to recruit more minorities.

On Dec. 18, Williams announced campuses were free to award scholarships on the basis of race if the money for the grants came from private gifts, not public tax funds.

Alexander negated Williams' Dec. 18 reinterpretation of the Civil Rights Act at his press conference, held the same day Williams testified before a House Government Opera-

tions subcommittee investigating the whole controversy.

At the hearing, Williams reacted angrily when Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y. suggested Williams' aide, Richard Comer, had written the controversial Fiesta Bowl letter.

"I am the person responsible for that office," Williams said. "I am the person who signed the (letter). I can interpret the law."

Meanwhile, Alexander tried to calm the fears of those who say the department is trying to keep poor students, often minorities, from attending college by changing scholarship rules.

"When we get right down to it, even a casual look at this suggests that there are dozens of ways for university presidents to help disadvantaged Americans go to college," he said at the press conference.

"So there are plenty of ways that anybody with a warm heart and common sense can find to help disadvantaged Americans come to college."

CPS Cartoon Commentary



STUDENT PROGRAMMING ORGANIZATION

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and the following chair positions:

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Deadline for applications is Friday, April 12. Interviews will be held April 15 through 19.

For additional information, call Jayne at 554-2623, or stop by SPO's Open House on Wednesday, April 10 between 11 am and 2 pm.

The SPO office is located on the 2nd floor of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Local Briefs

Racoons invade campus on a quest for food and fun

Late at night the thief scurries across a parking lot on the west end of campus, searching for the hidden loot.

No, this thief is not of the two-legged variety, it is just "Rocky" the raccoon looking for a little dinner inside the trash can, or the Public Administration building, Annex 27.

According to B.J. Reed, chair of public administration, this is not the first time raccoons have tried to get into the building.

"They destroyed one faculty member's office (last fall) looking for sunflower seeds and popcorn," Reed said.

He said no one in the building has any animosity toward the raccoons, "unless they destroy their office."

Sonja Kenley, office clerk of the Nebraska Humane Society, said raccoons will eat almost everything, except onions.

"They don't seem to like onions."

Kenley said they are also very quick at learning how to get into something when they want to.

"They are very, very intelligent about getting into things," she said. "They can go right up the side of a house."

Telecommunications center to post career information

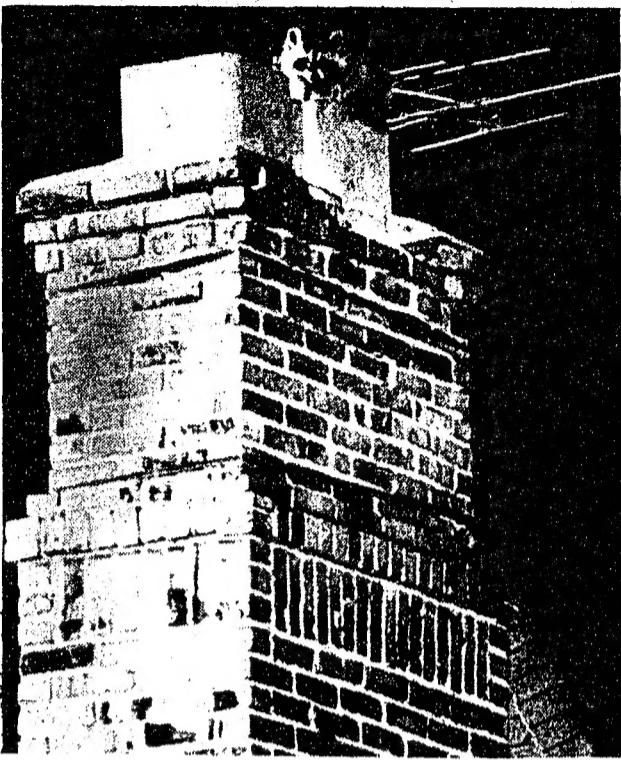
James Alleman, director of the International Center for Telecommunications Management (ICTM) at UNO, has announced the opening of the U.S. Telecommunications Experts Center (USTEC).

USTEC, a new electronic bulletin board for telecommunications professionals, will provide opportunities for U.S. industry professionals to post resume information and search current job openings around the world.

The USTEC provides interactive computer exchange of the International Telecommunications Union's (ITU) database of requests for employee assignments for short term experts all over the world.

The system operates on a point-to-multi-point bulletin board service.

"It offers the American telecommunications community an easy way to share expertise with the developing world while acquiring valuable foreign experience and an understanding of



One of UNO's many raccoons is shown here climbing into the chimney of Annex 27. According to Sonja Kenley of the Nebraska Humane Society, raccoons will eat almost anything.

the needs of these new markets," Alleman said.

Alleman said sponsoring a trained staff member on a short-term overseas assignment offers a broad spectrum of new and useful insights about the special needs of this expanding market. Funding also may be available via USTEC to offset the difference between ITU salary structures and current employee remuneration.

Individuals wishing to post resumes and subscribe to the service should contact the USTEC bulletin board at 554-3241. At present, the service is free to new subscribers.

For more information, or to receive a descriptive brochure, contact Michael Jensen at the USTEC Operations Center, International Center for Telecommunications Management at UNO.

SAC sponsored blood drive planned for April 19 at UNO

The Staff Advisory Council (SAC) will be sponsoring a blood drive at UNO on April 19.

The drive will be in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building, Activity Court One — Room 112 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to sign up, contact Randy Kane or Frank Burton at 554-3600.

Canadian professor to speak at Women's Studies Lecture

UNO's Women's Studies Lecture Series will present Kathryn Morgan discussing, "Dissected Bodies and Fractured Hearts: Paradoxes of Reproductive and Reconstructive Technologies," April 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Omaha Room of the Student Center.

Morgan is a professor of women's studies and philosophy at the University of Toronto in Canada. She is the author of "Women and Moral Madness".

The event is free to the public.

Sign up now to compete in UNO's Sports Challenge

The first-ever UNO Sports Challenge will be April 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Al Caniglia Field.

Teams of three men and three women are needed to compete in the Aerial Disc Toss, Obstacle Course, 3-Legged Book Race and the Hot Shot Contest, featuring members of the Omaha Racers Basketball Team.

Prizes will be awarded to all members of the top three teams.

Sign-up forms are available in the Student Government Office, Room 134 of the Student Center.

Forms must be completed and returned to that office by next Tuesday at 5 p.m. Event schedules will be available by noon, April 18 in Room 100 of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building.

Other activities throughout the day include a luncheon and concert in the Pep Bowl.

The Women's Resource Center & Women's Studies Lectures Present

Dissected Bodies and Fractured Hearts: Paradoxes of Reproductive and Reconstructive Technologies

By
Kathryn Morgan

Professor of Women's Studies and Philosophy
University of Toronto
Author of "Women and Moral Madness"

Reconstruction of face damaged in auto accident

Nose job

In-vitro fertilization

Pregnancy at 50

What new issues arise for women with new medical procedures.



Thursday, April 11, 1991

3:30 p.m.

Omaha Room, Milo Bail Student Center



Anchovy knowledge leads Coffey to victory

By JENNIFER WESTCOTT

Which two South American countries lead in the production and export in anchovetas?

Knowing Chile and Peru are the leading exporters of the small anchovies made Matt Coffey, a seventh grader from Blair Junior High School, the winner of the Third Annual Nebraska Geography Bee.

"After the first round of the finals, I didn't think I would win," Coffey said.

The State Geography Bee was held Friday at UNO. The 100 contestants came from all over Nebraska to compete in the event.

"Three years ago National Geographic asked us to organize something (for the Geography Bee). Then the Executive Board of the state agreed to hold it in Omaha the next year, too. It really could go anywhere," said Charles Gildersleeve, state bee coordinator.

According to Gildersleeve, the event is held in much the same way a spelling bee is held, with questions about geography rather than spelling.

The students from the fourth through eighth grades compete against each other for the chance to advance to the national round of competition, Gildersleeve said.

The competition is important in teaching geographic awareness.

In a study a few years ago, a group of 18-20 year olds could not find the United States on a map and "23 percent placed the U.S. with Brazil," Gildersleeve added.

To participate in the event, students must take a test at school qualifying them to compete in the Geography Bee.

In Nebraska, 631 students took the exam, but only the top 100 scores qualify for the state round of competition.

At the state level, students are divided into five groups of 20. The top two student from each group move to the final round.

Coffey, along with the winners of other state competitions, advances to the national competition to be held in Washington, D.C. in May.

Coffey said he was excited about his trip and would like to visit the Smithsonian museum while he is there.

Sixty students will compete in the national competition.

"The competition is promoted throughout the United States and its territories," he said.

The top three students at the Geography Bee in May will receive scholarships worth up to \$25,000, according to Gildersleeve.



—ED CARLSON

Matt Coffey, a seventh grader from Blair, won the Third Annual Nebraska Geography Bee. In the photo above, Coffey receives a plaque from Charles Gildersleeve, a UNO geography professor and coordinator of the state bee.

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PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ADJUDICATORY COMMITTEE

**Deadline for
University Committee applications is
May 24, 1991**

Three positions on Student Court

**Deadline for positions is
April 18, 1991**

For more information contact 554-2620 or stop by MBSC 134.

Med Pulse

HIV can touch almost anyone

By D.J. STILES

Anyone can be infected with HIV.

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) may lead to AIDS, which, without any known cure to date, can cause death due to breakdown of the immune system.

According to Robert Power, HIV/AIDS education coordinator for the Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross, there are 201 confirmed AIDS cases in Nebraska and 167,000 confirmed cases in the United States.

Of those in Nebraska, 95 people, almost half of those infected, are among the ages of 30 and 39. Another 51 people, 25 percent of the confirmed AIDS cases and deaths from AIDS are between the ages of 20 to 29.

The most alarming statistic remains the 2,000 to 4,000 people in Nebraska alone that are infected with HIV and don't even know it.

"Nebraska doesn't report HIV cases," Power said. "In the United States, only half of all the states report those infected with HIV."

Power said there are a few reasons some states don't report HIV infections.

If a list of people who only tested for HIV, whether positive or negative, got into the wrong hands, it could cause several problems, Power said. Some people can lose jobs, others aren't able to get a job, and other people are unable to get insurance.

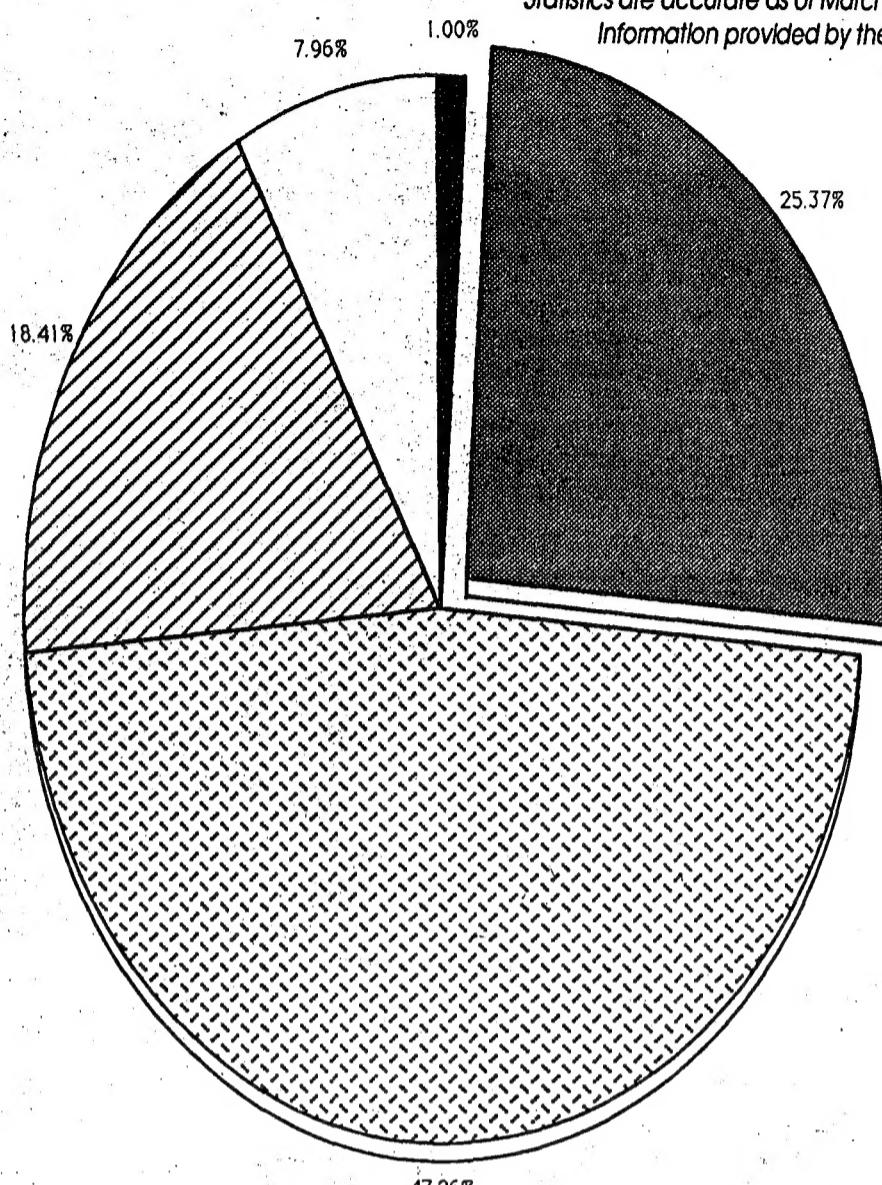
In the United States, 1 million to 2 million people are infected with HIV and don't have any symptoms. The people infected not only carry the virus, but also can transmit it to others for up to 15 years.

That would mean there are possibly 2,000 to 4,000 people infected in Nebraska — still having sex, still spreading the virus and contaminating people you might know, people you might love and maybe even you. Without knowing it, they could continue spreading the virus.

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Total confirmed AIDS cases in Nebraska by age

Statistics are accurate as of March 29, 1991.
Information provided by the American Red Cross.



Ages

- Under 5
- 20-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 49+ years

Graph by Dave Dufek

Health care of the '90s — second in a five-part series

Allied Health Professions

New program will graduate four this year

By KERRI MALONE AND D.J. STILES

A clinical perfusionist works in complex medical situations, such as open-heart surgery, maintaining a patient's blood circulation and breathing.

David Goddard, director of the Clinical Perfusion Education program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said the clinical perfusionist (CP) is responsible for operating life-supporting machines during such operations as open-heart surgery.

"It is a coordinated effort between the physician and the clinical perfusionist," he said.

Goddard said there is a tremendous amount of knowledge required to operate the machine, or "pump" as he often refers to it.

"It looks like a flight simulator," he said.

The clinical perfusion program at the Medical Center is one of the newest additions to the School of Allied Health Professions.

Existing only since last August, the program's first class of four students is scheduled to graduate this year at the end of the 14-month training program.

"It is to a student's advantage to have a medical background," he said. "He or she should also be a mechanically-oriented person who finds technical things second nature and is obsessed with detail."

According to Goddard, a CP's primary function is to monitor a patient's blood pressure, body temperature and life support, and administer blood products, anesthetics and drugs.

"While in surgery, anesthesia must be administered through the pump," he said.

"Some say perfusionists love adrenaline. There is a certain satisfaction."



— Dave Goddard

"One of our jobs is to keep the patient asleep."

Many of the students come from other allied health programs, Goddard said.

Goddard said a CP must have a very good knowledge of the cardiovascular system, pharmacology, electronics, anatomy and mechanics, as well as many other related subjects.

"The job market is very much in favor of the new applicant," Goddard said, "but the ease of finding a job is not the same."

Five new schools across the nation have opened in the past year, which will increase the amount of CPs being trained, he said.

"And we don't want to train too many."

Starting salary can range anywhere from \$30,000 to \$45,000, Goddard said.

"There is a certain satisfaction with being with the open-heart team," he said. "Some people really enjoy being in a technical field."

"Some say perfusionists love adrenaline," he added with a smile.

Goddard said a CP's schedule can be very erratic.

"Sixty to 80 percent are scheduled cases," he said, "but there are quite a few emergencies."

Medical Technologists are 'detectives'

By D.J. STILES

Medical technologists are "the detectives behind the scene."

According to Phyllis Muellenberg, director of the Medical Technology program in the School of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, medical technologists (MTs) stay behind the scenes.

"Patients don't know we exist," she said.

Muellenberg said the MT does the clinical lab work necessary for a physician, surgeon or any other medically qualified administrator to determine, detect and diagnose a patient's medical problems.

"The physician looks at all the combined data and then makes the diagnoses," she said. "If a test can detect an illness early enough, it can result in early treatment and a more effective treatment."

An MT conducts tests on blood, tissue and other body fluid samples in order to detect possible problems.

"First we detect what is wrong, second what it is that is wrong," she said.

Medical Technologists work in five major areas of the laboratory:

- Blood banking
- Chemistry
- Hematology
- Immunology
- Microbiology

Muellenberg said the program targets science majors who might not know exactly what career they are interested in.

"The program has 40 seniors now," she said. "The day they graduate they are ready to work."

A student's senior year, according to Muellenberg, is one on one learning in a clinical

"Patients don't know we exist. Some students don't even know."



— Phyllis Muellenberg

lab setting.

The program has a five-year plan to double the class size, Muellenberg said.

"It is real important to increase our recruitment," she said. "Some students don't even know we exist, and we're trying to counter that problem."

According to Muellenberg, if the program is on schedule for the next five years, the annually expected 80 graduates will barely meet the need in Nebraska.

"There is a terrible shortage," she said. "There are over 70,000 positions unfilled and there are no qualified persons to fill them."

She said 70 percent of the labs in the United States report difficulty in filling an MT position and it is projected to get a lot worse.

According to Muellenberg, \$22,000 is about the starting salary with the East and West coast jobs at a slightly higher figure.

"That figure can double in five to six years," she said. "As you stay in the field, you increase your salary."

FOCUS

Seaman Dave Tarvin, a UNO student and member of the Navy Reserves, shares stories about serving with Fleet Hospital 6 in Awali, Bahrain. "I would do it again in a heartbeat," he said.

Memories of serving with Operation Desert Storm

BY PATRICK RUNGE

They weren't in Korea. Alan Alda wasn't there. They weren't in reruns. But the experience of one UNO student bore some similarities to the television show "M.A.S.H."

"Our hospital was tents," said Dave Tarvin, seaman in the Navy Reserve, who returned from service in the Persian Gulf war March 18.

Tarvin served with Fleet Hospital 6 in Awali, Bahrain, south of Saudi Arabia. He is a junior majoring in political science.

"We had fire-resistant tents you could put heat or air conditioning in and individual storage operation units," he said. "We'd hook them up with special hall sections. We put the whole hospital up in four days."

Tarvin said the hospital had 170 patients while he was there, most the result of accidents or medical conditions. However, he said the hospital could have handled 1,000 patients a day.

"Considering we were in tents, it was amazing what we were able to do," Tarvin said.

He knew in August he would be called to service.

"I was in Connecticut when everything started," he said. "In October, my unit was notified to be ready, and I was still in Connecticut. I was afraid they would leave without me."

Tarvin's unit was activated Jan. 3, when it left for Fort Dix for processing. They arrived in Bahrain Jan. 23.

Tensions among Tarvin's unit were running high as the Jan. 15 United Nations' deadline approached, he said.

"The next day, we got together in a bowling alley at Fort Dix, and someone came running up and said Baghdad had been bombed," he said.

Tarvin said his initial reaction was a "tremendous rush of adrenaline, almost like a tremendous high."

Tarvin said he didn't feel fear when the war started, just an acceptance of something he had expected since August. The fear came later.

"Two days later, I heard Israel had been hit," he said. "They said they had confirmed nerve gas, and that Israel had retaliated. That's when I was scared." The report was false, he said.

Arriving in Bahrain, Tarvin said he was expecting it to be much like what he heard Saudi Arabia was like. He was surprised when it looked like "parts of California."

While Tarvin said for the most part the Bahrainian people were appreciative of the American soldiers' presence, there were some conflicts between the cultures.

"They wouldn't let us fly our flag, which I think is a point we shouldn't have conceded on," he said. "That was our base and as



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long as we were there protecting them, we had the right to fly our flag."

Being prohibited from displaying their colors did bother a lot of people, Tarvin said. He also noted the New Zealanders were allowed to fly their flag.

Other problems included Bahrainian men taking offense at seeing female American officers sunbathing and a surprising commercial offer.

"There were a couple of Bahrainian men who offered to purchase one of our female officers for 200 dinars, about \$600," he said. "She was very offended."

Tarvin said both sides needed to be understanding of the cultural difference.

"On one hand, we do have to accept their viewpoint," he said.

"The female officers shouldn't have been sunbathing in view. That's a point we had to concede because we were in their country."

"On the other hand, if one of the Bahrainians came up to you with a demand you didn't like, you could just say no," he said.

Tarvin said cultural conflicts were fairly infrequent.

"There were only a few incidents, but boy, when there were incidents . . ." he said.

The dreaded SCUD missiles that terrorized Israel also were leveled at Tarvin's hospital.

"We had a SCUD shot down by a Patriot missile right over our hospital," he said. "We all had our gas masks on, and we heard this tremendous boom. One of my tentmates got a piece of the SCUD as a souvenir the next day."

According to Tarvin, SCUD warnings did not start until two weeks after his unit arrived. But the troops did not exactly live in fear of SCUD attacks.

"We started a SCUD pool when we got there," he said. "Every night we would toss in 50 cents for 15 minutes, and if there was a SCUD warning at that time, we would win the pool."

When the ground war started, Tarvin said reactions were varied among the soldiers.

"A lot of people thought 'Well, this is it, we're really in the hole now,'" he said. "Others thought it was about time we started

it."

But as the fighting proved to be quick and successful, the mood became increasingly unanimous.

"As the war progressed, the mood changed to one pretty much of amazement," he said. "Then it changed to 'great, when do we go home?'"

The yellow ribbons that draped the country during the war truly had an impact on the soldiers in the Gulf, Tarvin said.

"It was a big help," he said. "We had CNN, but despite what they showed, we were able to feel the support."

Much of the support came via the mail carrier.

"We had tons of 'any serviceman' mail," Tarvin said. "People would write offering to send us hair dryers, mini TVs. Anything you wanted, they would send. It was amazing."

According to Tarvin, there were other advantages to being "any serviceman."

"Some of it was 'any serviceman, single, ages 25-30.' Women would actually write wanting to get hooked up with a military man," he said. "It almost became like a singles club."

Tarvin also noted there are still soldiers in the Gulf needing support.

"Don't stop sending letters now," he said.

The amount of support shown to the troops surprised Tarvin.

"I knew there would be a lot of support, but I couldn't believe the magnitude," he said. "I couldn't believe all the flags and the ribbons. How will they top this for the Fourth of July?"

Tarvin said he agreed with the decision to stop the fighting after the liberation of

AIDS — 'This isn't going anywhere but up'

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Wesley Perry, mental health coordinator of the Nebraska AIDS Project at the University of Nebraska Medical Center said "it's like a black cloud off in the distance just waiting to thunder. That scares me."

He said "too many people are afraid of AIDS."

People are afraid to learn about it, he said, to work with it and to be around anyone with AIDS.

"It's not something to be afraid of," Perry said. "It is very difficult to catch if you know the correct information."

He said people still ask him if AIDS can be contracted from mosquitoes, toilet seats and sneezing, just to name a few.

Is that true?

No.

According to Perry, nine times out of 10, it is the AIDS patient that must protect himself or herself from others.

"You can hug, even be very intimate with someone and still not get AIDS," he said. "People are afraid of anything different and out of the ordinary."

Perry said the only way HIV can be transmitted to another person is by body fluids.

● blood to blood

- semen to blood
- vaginal excretion
- mother to newborn
- breast milk (rare)

"(Those who have) unprotected sex are the most at risk," Power said. "Sex with an infected person is the number one cause for infection."

Abstinence is the only true form of safe sex there is," he said.

"AIDS doesn't happen to bad people," Power said, "it happens to people who make bad decisions."

He said people don't recognize the virus as a medical issue, it is most often seen as a moral one.

Another "high-risk" group for AIDS is those who practice "sharing of needles, especially young, high school-age males using steroids," Perry said. "Everyone is at risk."

He said the child born to an HIV-infected person has a 50/50 chance of contracting the virus.

"Some say a 20 to 60 percent chance," Perry said.

Perry said "there are no guarantees. We can't tell someone if they are going to die or if they are going to live. 1990 — the year of catastrophe."

The '90s are predicted to have 10 to 20 times the figures of

today," Perry said.

"This isn't going anywhere but up," he said. "You can put yourself at risk if you don't plan ahead."

"Once infected, always infectious," Power said. "Anything is possible. It could indeed happen to us."

In major metropolitan areas all over the African continent, one out of five people have contracted HIV, according to Perry.

"They say the virus went from Africa to Haiti then to the United States," he said.

"Entire villages have been wiped out," Power said. "The only survivors are the very old and the very young."

Solutions to the problem now need to become the focus.

"I don't care where it came from, it's here and we need to stop it," Perry said.

HIV and AIDS are slowly but surely spreading further and further into America, publicly and privately.

"Education. Right now. That is it," Power said. "People need to become educated about it."

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Letters to the Editor

Call for discussion on 'meaningful recycling'

The recent *Gateway* report concerning a panel discussion of foam vs. paper products "Paper is the Problem..." (April 4) failed to discuss the most favorable solution to the problem of solid wastes and instead managed to reinforce an unfortunate either/or fallacy concerning wasted products. The question that we should be asking campus Food Services is why we have to choose between foam and paper — both of which generate waste. The third option (also missing from the *Omaha World-Herald's* editorial cited in the article) is simply to avoid producing the waste in the first place. While many universities are leading the way in reducing some waste products and recycling others, UNO is sadly lagging behind. As Ms. Johnson reports, the only step in this direction planned for the near future is to begin recycling cans (a non-solution, given private efforts already in place) and "looking into other programs..." such as recycling foam cups.

It is sad to hear UNO Food Services defend the use of foam cups (where are they being recycled now?) when Food Services themselves are so very wasteful in their overall operations. For instance, why does the Maverick Room manage to use metal silverware and glass plates for some things and plastic (not foam) dishes for others? Why does ordering a main dish entitle you to a plate but ordering three side dishes guarantees three plastic dishes? Why are slices of bread wrapped individually in plastic wrap when it would be easier to move them to a place where the cold surface will not draw the moisture out? Why, at least for the Maverick Room, aren't all the dishes made of glass or ceramic materials? And why doesn't Food Services attempt to join the

city recycling plan by offering students a place to dispose of recyclables such as paper, foam, glass or cans? These are only the more obvious areas where the third, and clearly best option of reducing waste production is not being considered at all.

Obviously in the area of Food Services and in the lack of a campus-wide paper recycling project, UNO remains behind the times. I am not interested in attending presentations wherein those with a vested interest in promoting foam attempt to reinforce a fallacious choice between paper and polystyrene. When UNO Food Services and others on campus decide to hold a discussion on reducing waste production and meaningfully recycling what remains, please call me — I will be the first to attend.

Kris J. Carle

There are alternatives to UNO's parking problem

The answer to the parking problems at UNO is not to destroy yet another section of Elmwood Park. UNO has always had problems with parking and probably always will, considering the way it is being dealt with. This problem has not stopped the enrollment from growing. The campus has already devoted 50 percent of its land to parking. The university has made little effort, if any, to promote alternative means of getting to school. A university should be an example to the community in protecting the future of all the communities citizens. Bicycle routes, car pooling and better mass transit are better answers to this problem.

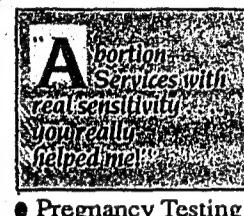
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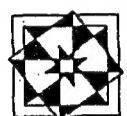
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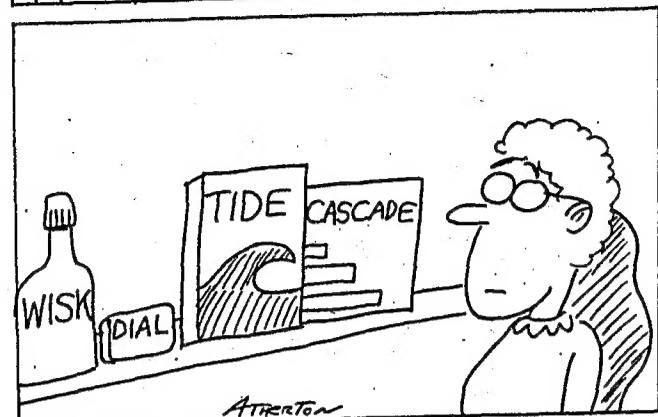


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Off the wall

By Bob Atherton



Opinion

Funding fiasco

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," the saying goes.

As far as the funding of student organizations goes, the saying should be "If it's really broke, and you can't fix it, then work around it."

The student senate proved that adage when it agreed to fund a trip by American Multicultural Students to a conference in Atlanta. Since some of the students going on the trip were members of a student organization, some senators said the money should not be allocated.

That's because in 1989, the University of Nebraska general counsel in effect took away senate funding of student organizations.

Staff Editorial

Organization funding

Since then, the entire process of funding student organizations has been a joke.

But the senate and members of the African American Organization should not be faulted for finding a loophole in this flawed process. In fact, the senate should not hesitate to fund any organization that can exploit a loophole and get funding.

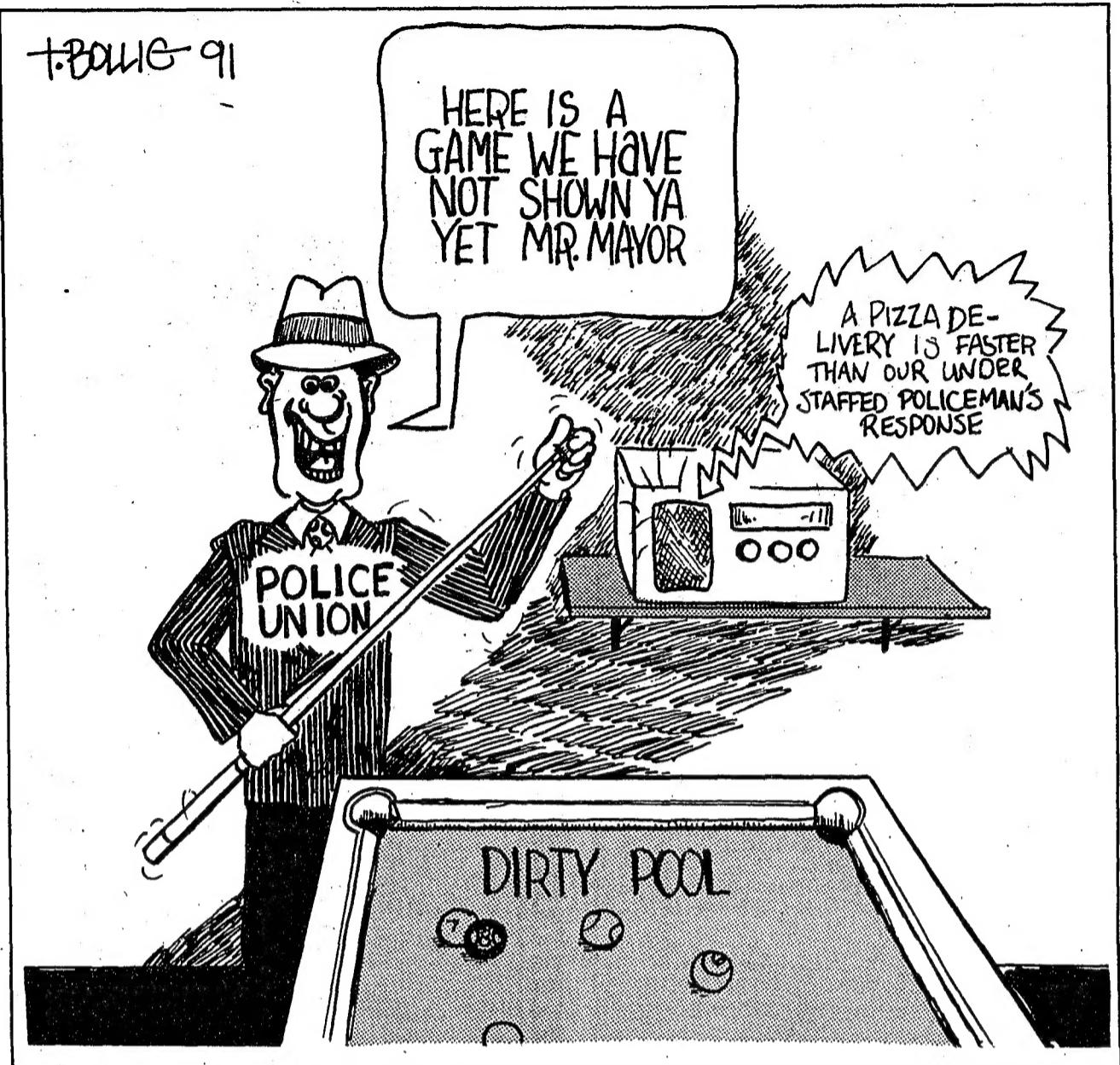
Sure, it's unfair. Some organizations will be funded and others will be left in the cold.

But the simple fact is the student senate cannot change this unfair policy of funding student organizations.

The only real change will be for the Board of Regents to rewrite its policy governing University Program and Facility Fees.

Hopefully, Student/Regent Chuck Valgora is doing what he can to show the regents this would be in the best interest of UNO students.

But until this change comes, the senate will have to live with this messy process of finding loopholes and creating new boards such as the Student Organization Programming Executive Committee (which would probably not be accountable to the student body) as stop-gap measures.



Unfortunately, nice guys get wives, not dates

You know, women could be the greatest thing ever put on the face of this earth.

If — and this is a big if — men could figure them out. And I don't see that happening in the near future.

I'll admit it. I have no clue as to the motives women possess. And just when you think you've figured them out, they pop something new on you.

I recently got out of a long relationship — neither the ending nor the reasons for it ending were pleasant, so I won't torture you with the details. Hopefully this column won't turn into a bitter saga of the past 18 months of my life, but rather the point of view of a male who didn't know any better.

I wish I could have a panel of 20 to 30 women and ask them this question:

"Why don't women like nice guys?"

When I was having problems with a girlfriend at one point in my life, a female friend offered this solution:

"You're too nice. Don't call her when you're supposed to. Forget to pick her up every once in a while. Ask some other girls out. In general, be wishy-washy about your relationship."

In response, I said:

"Huh?"

I guess the argument is this: If a woman knows you care about her and knows that no matter what happens, she'll be taken care of, then she's got you hooked. If she's got you hooked, then she knows she's safe to "look around," and if that doesn't work out, the man will still be there.

And whatever happened to chivalry? Has the era of "women can do whatever men can do" taken itself a bit too far?

Dave Dufek

Columnist



Don't get me wrong. I think women and men should be given equal opportunities with equal pay for equal work. But I am offended when I attempt to open a door for a girl and she comes back with "I can do that for myself, thank you." (It has happened.)

Is it demeaning to her for me to open the door? I just thought it was polite.

I guess the ideal date for women of the '90s, then, is for me to drive to her house, wait outside until she comes out and let her open her own door. I could then take her to a nice restaurant and leave her with the bill. Then, at the end of the evening, I could scream at her about her faults.

Yes, scream at her.

Maybe it's my own distorted perception, but I seem to see women drawn like magnets to guys who are verbally and/or physically abusive to women.

"Nice guys finish last," the saying goes.

Sorry, but if I have to treat a woman like a possession to get her to be my girlfriend (as I seem to observe), I guess I'll stay single for a long time. It's just not my nature to be abusive to women, and I guess that turns some of them off.

Nice guys seem to be classified in three categories: 1) Male members of your family, who you would probably not be caught dead dating; 2) Priests, who you would probably not be caught dead dating; 3) All other nice guys, who you would most likely not date for extended periods.

The nice thing about number three is this is the group that, when speaking with a woman, gets told how horrible her boyfriend treats her. He then watches as she either goes back to him or after someone else like him.

The other thing about nice guys, as a female friend put it:

"Dave, you're not the type of guy girls want to date. You're the type of guy girls want to marry."

"Oh, of course."

I guess the logic (?) behind this statement is women want to date the kind of guys their mother told them to watch out for before they tie the knot. Maybe it's some sort of rebellious phase or something.

When that eternal knot is tied, though, women look for the man who will take care of them and their children, while being faithful to her and financially stable.

Therefore, what do women want from men? How do you spell it, and where can I get some?

I should also point out that I realize that what I'm saying is indicative of most, not all, women.

The problem is, I keep finding the ones who fit the above description.

And to the women who would like to be treated nicely, have someone open the doors for them, and not treat them like a bookshelf, I applaud you.

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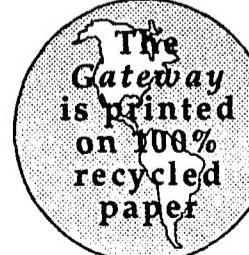
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The Gateway: Stuck between a rock and a hard place.

Johansen's book credits Native Americans

By CHRISTINE JOHNSON

"We don't want to burn the Magna Carta," Bruce Johansen, professor of communications at UNO, said during a lecture last Thursday.

Johansen and Donald Grinde, a professor of American Indian history at the University of California, started to put a book together in 1989. It has recently been published.

The book, "Exemplar of Liberty," studies how U.S. founders combined European and American political styles into a unique synthesis. It also addresses the misconception that democracy was invented by the white man.

Grinde, a Native American, first came up with the idea of writing about Native Americans when he was approached by Iroquois Indians while teaching at the University of New York.

Johansen's first idea for writing on the subject was in 1975 when interviewing an Indian student for the *Seattle Times*.

Johansen said he and Grinde are not saying the U.S. Constitution was based entirely on the Iroquois political system.

"We argue that the Iroquois and others played a role in the whole process," he said.

"The point which is often made by people who say this didn't happen is, we are converting or contorting history to make the Indians feel good.

"Well, if it makes the Indians feel good, that's fine, but it is not our primary emphasis," he said.

Although some people debate whether Native Americans played a part in U.S. government, there are people who still maintain the adage, when it comes to Indians you should shoot first and ask questions later, he said.

"They've shot first before looking at the evidence, and sometimes they've shot themselves in the foot.

"I hope before you make up your mind, you'll look at the evidence," Johansen said.



Johansen

According to Grinde, "Many Indian people take what we have been doing with a great deal of ambiguity."

At the Constitutional Convention in 1776, the Founding Fathers wanted a "suitable program for their circumstances," because the British tradition had broken down, Grinde said.

"By the 1750s, American Indians began to take an active interest in promoting colonial unity. They began to admonish the Colonial English Government to take on Iroquois concepts and by 1751, Benjamin Franklin was agreeing."

Plans to promote union within the colonies came from the Iroquois, Grinde said. During the Albany Congress, the first attempted union, "150 Indians of Iroquois stations were invited."

Native Americans were also at the debates on the Declaration of Independence. However, they stayed on the second floor above the chambers of the Continental Congress and participated in the discussions two or three times a week.

"This was a surprise for me because in the iconography of American history, pictures you see in text books, there are no Indians," he said.

Grinde added, "We must cast aside the cultural arrogance of a dominant society and openly admit the material and intellectual contributions of the Native American people. If the Founding Fathers were here today, they would be dismayed over the resulting debate."

"Exemplar of Liberty," is Johansen's fourth and Grinde's second book, and according to Grinde, there is the possibility of another book in the next couple years.

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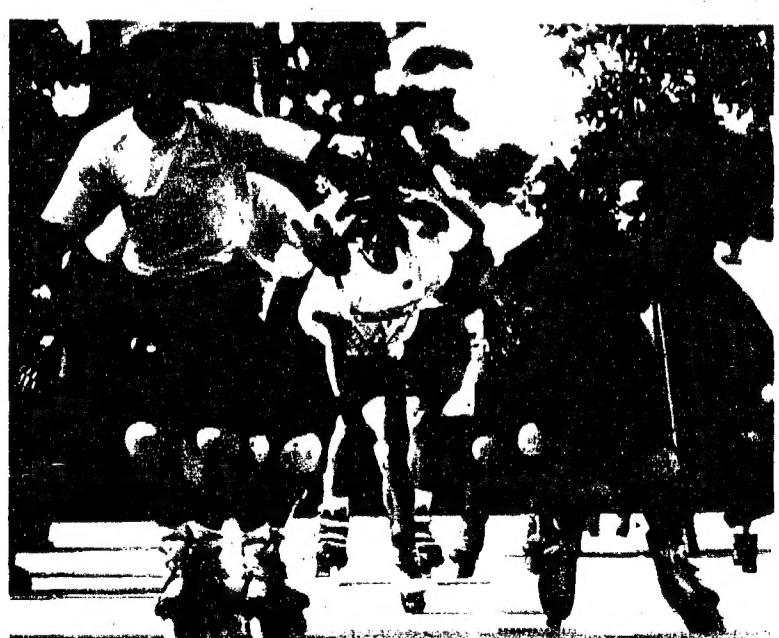
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UNO head football coach Tom Mueller barks out a command. Regarding the new offensive scheme, Mueller said "It's not just going to be an experiment we'll try and then forget about."

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Hurricane stirs up Mav offense

By MARK GREGORY

UNO opened spring football practice Monday, and during the next 15 practices, the Mavs intend to install a few new wrinkles in their offensive scheme.

During spring break, UNO offensive coordinator Chuck Osberg and offensive line coach Ron Pecoraro spent a week in Florida, not to vacation, but to study the offense run by the Division I Miami Hurricanes.

"It was a real productive trip," Osberg said. "We're not buying the entire package of everything they do, but they run some things we are interested in."

Included in those plans is the installation of a one-back offensive set in addition to the tradition I-formation the Mavericks have been using.

"The one-back offense is kind of a trend now," Osberg said. "The pro and college teams are using it more."

"A one-back set simplifies the running game. It allows you to get more receivers out into patterns quickly. I've had pretty good success with it at the high school level," Osberg said.

After a 2-9 finish in 1990, the worst record in school history since 1966, second-year head coach Tom Mueller is hoping to improve its offensive stats from last season. In 1990, UNO finished last in both total offense and scoring offense in the North Central Conference (NCC).

"We'll be using the new offense in the spring," Mueller said. "It's not just going to be an experiment we'll try and then forget about. Our offense has a lot of potential and we think it will open up some things for us."

Osberg, the returning offensive coordinator, previously called the plays for the Maverick offense from 1978-84. In the process

of improving the offensive output from last year, UNO won't completely scrap the entire offense game it's been using, he said.

"We're not in a position to change our plans radically like throwing the ball 50 or 60 times in a game," Osberg said. "We do have some ideas we'd like to try though."

Expected to guide the Maverick offense in 1991 will be senior quarterback Paul Cech. Cech, who is currently playing baseball with Bob Gates' Maverick squad, entered spring camp as the number-one quarterback.

"Paul is our number-one man," Mueller said. "I think he just lost some confidence last year. I think he'll be able to come back strong this year."

Abel Fernandez is listed as the number-one running back on the Mav's preliminary depth chart. Fernandez and five other UNO backs will have the job of filling the shoes of the LaRon Henderson, who finished his career at UNO last season as the school's all-time leading rusher.

The new NCAA rule in 1991 allows Division II college football teams 15 spring practices, 10 with contact. Last year, the NCAA permitted Division II teams just 12 spring practices, none of those with contact.

"With only 12 practices last year, we felt we weren't able to get a lot accomplished," Mueller said. "Now is the time for us to evaluate our players, and we need to look at everything. The players have been working hard conditioning during the winter and are ready to go."

In the next three weeks, the Mavs will hold practices daily at Al Caniglia Field and the coaching staff will get a better look at players with scrimmages the next three Saturdays. The annual UNO spring game will be played April 27.

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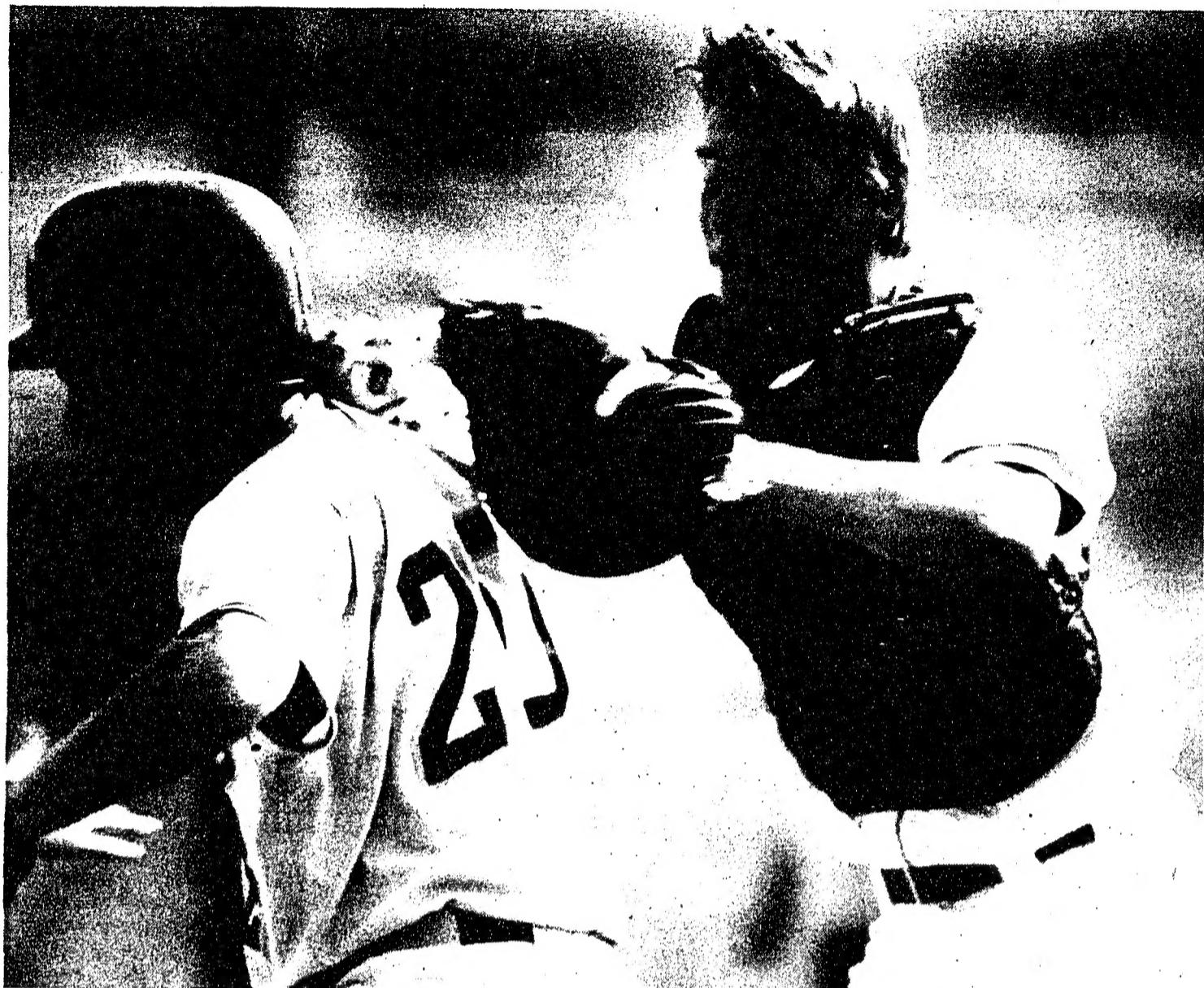
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UNO's Tim Meyer, right, tags Augustana pitcher Barry Foster during a game Friday. Augustana swept UNO 9-3 and 5-0 in a Friday doubleheader.

Baseball team continues to slide

By MARK GREGORY

The UNO baseball team's woes continued this weekend as the Mavericks dropped a pair of doubleheaders to North Central Conference (NCC) foe Augustana and split a pair of games with Peru State.

In the Mavericks fell twice to Augustana, 9-3 and 5-0, Friday at College World Series Park. Saturday in Sioux Falls, S.D., UNO dropped a doubleheader to the Vikings 10-3 and 8-7.

At College World Series Park Sunday, UNO split a doubleheader with Peru State. The Mavs lost the first game 5-0, but took the second game 9-8.

At 4-17, UNO Coach Bob Gates is still

optimistic, but realizes UNO must upgrade its performance to be competitive.

"We've been having trouble with a little of everything," Gates said. "I really can't say it's been any one thing, because we've been hurt by many things."

"We need to get more hits, and do a better job of scoring. We also need to be more consistent in our pitching and fielding," Gates said.

In the first game in Omaha against Augustana, UNO evened the score at 1-1 in the bottom of the first inning, but fell behind 2-1 in the third inning. That score remained until the seventh inning.

The Vikings blew the game open in the top of the seventh when they scored seven runs to take a commanding 9-1 lead. UNO scored a pair

of runs in the bottom of the inning.

The loss wasn't due to the absence of UNO hits. The Vikings outhit the Mavericks 9-8. UNO's troubles were that they left 11 men on base.

Suffering the loss for the Mavs was Chris Olsen, whose record slipped to 0-2. Olsen pitched six and one-third innings, striking out six and walking eight.

In the nightcap, Augustana scored two runs in the first inning, and one run each in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings to take the shut-out over the Mavs. For the game, the Vikings outhit UNO 10-3, while the Mavericks committed three errors.

Paul Cech, who went the distance for the Mavs, took the loss. Cech's season record is now 1-3.

On the Augustana campus, UNO opened a 3-0 second-inning lead in the first game. The Vikings scored four runs in the bottom of the third to take the lead. UNO made no threats after that.

Augustana added two runs in the fifth and four more runs in the sixth for its third-straight win over UNO. The Mavs made four errors in the game, and were outhit 10-9. Steve Paup took the UNO loss.

Augustana completed a four-game sweep by edging UNO 8-7 in 11 innings in the nightcap.

After holding leads of 3-1, 6-1, and 7-6, UNO's bubble burst in the bottom of the 11th inning when the Vikings scored the winning run.

"We had them down 6-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning with one out, and they came up with a grand slam home-run," Gates said. "It was a disappointing loss."

UNO plays at Creighton today, plays on the road at the University of South Dakota (USD) Friday, and returns home Saturday for a doubleheader with USD.

Sarah Smock

Sports columnist



Keep a watchful eye on her, readers

I am going to exercise to make improvements on my body.

OK. I said it in print, so now I have to do it.

I'm not very good at consistently exercising. I'm the kind of person who weighs herself or notices clothing getting too tight and goes on a rampage.

Of course, with the weather getting warmer, visions of slab popping out of my suit begin to dance through my head.

Following the rampages, I usually decide to give up this, that and the other thing in hopes of achieving my goals.

Unfortunately, I have little or no will power.

Recently, I decided I would take up running, so, of course, I had to have a new pair of shoes. (It's always easier to start an exercise regimen when you have something new to wear when you do it. Last year I decided I would start swimming again, so I spent \$60 on a new suit and goggles. I went swimming once.) I spent about \$60 on the new shoes.

That was two weeks ago, and I've gone running twice. After running twice, I've decided a sports bra is not a luxury, it's a necessity. I've also decided that some thicker socks and a glow-in-the-dark outfit would also be needed in the near future.

Now that I've explained my ideas about the correlation between exercising and fashion, I can begin asking for some help from the public.

I'm really serious this time about the diet and exercise regimen. I know my friends are reading this and laughing to themselves, but I'm serious. And that's why I want your help.

Among my list of things to give up are:

• red meat — not terribly hard, since I have a hard time stomaching it anyway.

• french fries — this is a hard one, but they are generally superfluous and add gobs of calories.

• soda — I can always drink tea or juice, and besides, caffeine gives me migraines.

• rum — the only alcohol I drink and quite high in calories, especially when mixed with soda.

• potato chips and candy bars — I don't particularly like either one, but sometimes I grab them on impulse.

Here is where you all come in. I want you to watch me. If you see me on campus, in a bar, in a restaurant, or for that matter, in my home consuming any of these items, please stop me.

If you don't want to yell at me in front of others, just walk by me and make a mooing noise. That should probably do the trick. You can even have the remainder of whatever I was consuming.

Well, I suppose you're all wondering what is in this for you. I'd like to say that I would give anyone who catches me consuming anything from "the list" \$1,000 but that's a little unrealistic.

I guess I can't really say what's in it for you. If you're a compassionate, caring human being, you'll do it just because you love people everywhere and want to help them. If you need some more motivation, I'll give you a piece of sugarless gum. How's that for incentive?

I'm also going to haul my bike out of the basement, get it adjusted, and try to find a riding partner. (It's also easier to exercise if you have someone to do it with.)

Looking back, I think I'll have to let myself drink rum on Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of 9 p.m. and midnight. Otherwise, I'll probably go really crazy.

Thanks for your support. I'm counting on each and every one of you to make this work.